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inadequacy in our laws. But the other side of this is is that right now we have individuals in this state who are carrying guns, and I think that's their right. I think that should be protected. This would allow them the opportunity, and this would allow the cooperation with the law enforcement divisions and agencies to cooperate with them. And that's the discussion that I have had with a lot of law enforcement individuals is that they would like to know.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Senator Erdman, it's one minute, and this is your third time. I forgot to tell you when you started. So please continue.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you. Thank you. So the discussion can go on and on about how bad guns are. You know, ridiculous, some of the arguments; some of them probably valid. But the reality is is that there are no...in fact, they're probably safer than some of the other areas in our society. And so to paint this picture like that somehow this bill, if we stop this bill, we're somehow going to stop all of these problems that we have in society regarding anything else, is ridiculous. So let's have the discussion on the merits of the bill, changing the idea that you're guilty until proven innocent which you should be innocent until proven guilty, and the other side of that is is that making sure that we have the cooperation and the opportunity to make sure that individuals are behaving responsibly with the guns that they have. Thank you.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Thank you, Senator Quandahl (sic). Before we go to the next speaker, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. Your Committee on Enrollment and Review reports LB 292, LB 333, LB 357, LB 451, and LB 524 as correctly engrossed. Mr. President, Senator Schimek has an amendment to be printed to LB 358. That's all that I have. Thank you. (Legislative Journal pages 1118-1120.)

SENATOR HARTNETT: Thank you. Senator Schimek, this is your third time to speak.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Senator Hartnett, and I was